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Sean and Davis,

I wanted to notify you that AECOM have started collecting sediment samples under hard sediment conditions not following the EPA's alternative sampling procedure of 4/20/2018. They retained and composited a 10, 17, and 17 cm set of grabs in one bowl to archive at the laboratory but did not proceed to make additional grabs at the contingency step outs to complete a bowl 2. The location was random stratified sample 414. Our field oversight staff explained to them that they are not following EPA's directed protocol and they proceeded anyway.

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